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SB 1244

Introduced by
Senator Burns

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCESS LAWS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Joint legislative study committee on public access
3 laws: report

4 A. The joint legislative study committee on public access laws is
5 established consisting of the following members:

6 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the
7 senate and who are members of different political parties.

8 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
9 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are members of different
10 political parties.

11 3. Four members of the news media, two members who are appointed by
12 the Arizona newspapers association, one member who is appointed by the
13 president of the senate and one member who is appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives.

15 4. Two members of law enforcement who are appointed by the Arizona
16 association of chiefs of police.

17 5. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.

18 6. A county attorney or the county attorney's designee who is
19 appointed by the president of the senate.

20 7. One member representing a city or town who is appointed by the
21 speaker of the house of representatives.

22 8. One member representing the courts who is appointed by the chief
23 justice of the supreme court.

24 B. The committee shall review issues relating to:

25 1. Access to public meetings and public records in this state pursuant
26 to title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1 and title 39, chapter 1, Arizona Revised
27 Statutes.

28 2. Civil actions for declaratory relief in order to settle a dispute
29 over the right to inspect or copy public records.

30 3. Enforcement of public access laws.

31 4. An expedited court process regarding the duty of a public agency to
32 comply with the public access laws.

33 5. Court proceedings that exclude attorneys.

34 6. Privacy and public records.

35 C. The committee shall make recommendations regarding public access
36 laws pursuant to title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1 and title 39, chapter 1,
37 Arizona Revised Statutes.

38 D. The committee shall submit a written report regarding the
39 committee's activities and recommendations annually on or before December 31
40 to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
41 representatives and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state
42 and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

43 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

44 This act is repealed from and after September 30, 2008.